

CLAIMS

1. A method for modeling and implementing applications, preferably Web applications, using a computerized process model and a computerized interface for implementing said model as a run-time application, wherein
- in a design or prototyping mode, said process model is drawn up according to the desired application by using an extendable set of building blocks and a preferably automated dialog for defining information needed by the process,
  - entering the data corresponding to said information needed,
  - animating and/or testing the thus designed prototype,
  - uploading the final prototype of said application defined by said process model via said interface into a server or a computer network to obtain the run-time implementation of said application, and
  - in an implementing mode, executing said run-time application through said server or computer network.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the application is defined by more than one process or process model, in particular by processes or process models specifically supporting content management of said application.
3. The method according to claim 1, wherein in the design mode, the process or process model is graphically displayed and may be modified by graphical means and/or elements.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein  
in the design mode, and before starting the implementing  
mode, the prototype may be several times modified and/or  
re-designed until a desired function or functional objec-  
5 tive is reached.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein  
in the design mode, the preferably automated dialog is de-  
10 signed as a step-by-step dialog and the displayed process  
proceeds accordingly whenever data is entered.

6. The method according to claim 5, wherein  
15 during the preferably automated dialog, graphical masks  
are provided, in particular close to displayed correspon-  
ding process elements into which masks the required data  
are entered.

7. The method according to claim 1, wherein  
20 both in design and the the run-time mode, the interaction  
with a designer/user of an application is carried out via  
a common Internet browser.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein  
25 the dialog pages for the interaction between application  
and designer are common HTML, XML, or similar pages, pre-  
ferably containing marked areas to protect against acci-  
dental or voluntary manipulation or modification of infor-  
30 mation critical for proper functioning of the application.

9. The method according to claim 1, wherein  
in the run-time mode, a process may be started automati-  
cally from another application rather than directly from a  
35 user.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein  
a process or sub-process is executed as run-time applica-  
tion in a distributed way on the client machines instead  
5 of on the server.

11. The method according to claim 1, wherein  
an installed or downloaded run-time application is run as  
10 a so-called "peer-to-peer" instead of a client-server  
application.

12. The method according to claim 1, wherein  
a process model is not defining the application itself but  
15 rather its management and administration, particularly for  
so-called content management.

13. An integrated, computerized system for modeling and  
implementing an application with a process model and an  
20 interface for implementing said model, including  
- means for displaying said process model,  
- means for executing automated dialogs between a de-  
signer and said process model, including means for ente-  
ring data into said process model and means for control-  
25 ling changes of said process model to develop and/or amend  
a prototype of the desired process,  
- means for animating and/or testing said thus designed  
prototype,  
- means for implementing said process model by uploa-  
30 ding the final prototype of said process via said inter-  
face into a server or computer network.

14. The computerized system according to claim 13,  
wherein the server or computer network is connected to the  
35 Internet or an Intranet.

15. The computerized system according to claim 13,  
wherein said means for displaying the process model in the  
design mode is a graphical means and includes means for  
5 graphically modifying elements of said process model.

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